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For : METHOD OF DETECTING AND QUANTITATING MICROORGANISM
HAVING SPECIFIC FUNCTION AND ITS GENE FROM NATURAL
ENVIRONMENT, NOVEL 16sRrNA GENE DATA AND PROBES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Sequence Listing section filed with the application with the Sequence Listing being filed concurrently herewith.

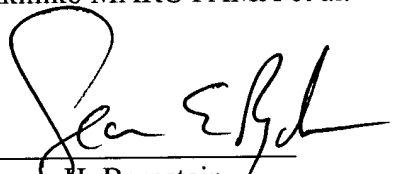
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REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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